

**MINUTES OF POLICE AND FIRE COMMISSION
HEARING OF FEBRUARY 5 AND 6, 2019**

8:30 a.m.

Eau Claire County Board Room, 721 Oxford Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Kincaid, Jill Barland, Disa Wahlstrand, Stephanie Finn,
Dennis Pope

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Attorney Stephen Nick
Fire Chief Christian Bell
Deputy Fire Chief Jon Schultz
Deputy Fire Chief Al Bertrang
Battalion Chief Matt Jaggar
Battalion Chief Joe Kelly
Captain Robert Haller
Human Resources Director Victoria Seltun

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Kyle Gulya
Attorney Michelle Achterberg Welch
Firefighter Brian Mero

The Commission convened in open session at 8:30 a.m. Meeting was called to order by President Daniel Kincaid. President Kincaid stated that this proceeding will be conducted as a quasi-judicial hearing. President Kincaid reviewed the agenda, indicating this is scheduled as a two-day hearing.

The Statement of Charges filed by Fire Chief Chris Bell and dated December 5, 2018 is attached. Opening statement was made by Attorney Kyle Gulya, as legal counsel for the City/Fire Chief. Opening statement was made by Attorney Achterberg Welch, as legal counsel for Firefighter Brian Mero. Testimony of witnesses followed. Proceedings were recorded by Court Reporter Cheryl Lippman, and are on file with the Secretary of the Police and Fire Commission.

The Commission recessed at approximately 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5, 2019, and the meeting reconvened in open session for further testimony at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

At approximately 1:20 p.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Pope, and seconded by Commissioner Finn, to move into closed session for the purpose of deliberating a disciplinary hearing in the matter of Firefighter Brian Mero, a public employee over which the Commission has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (a) and (c), Wis. Stats. The motion passed unanimously by the following roll call vote: AYE: President Kincaid; Commissioner Pope; Commissioner Finn; Commissioner Barland; and Commissioner Wahlstrand. NAY: None.

Motion was made by Commissioner Finn to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Wahlstrand and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Human Resources Director, Victoria L. Seltun.